IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

MONDAY, THE 28TH MAY 2007 / 7TH JYAISHTA 1929

WP(C).No. 15500 of 2007(T)

PETITIONER:

SRI.BINOY KURIAN,
KUNNEL HOUSE, MANIKKADAVE P.O.,
KANNUR.

BY ADV. SRI.JOHN K.GEORGE

RESPONDENTS:

THE PASSPORT OFFICER,
REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE, KOZHIKODE.

BY SHRI.P.PARAMESWARAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 25/05/2007, THE COURT ON 28/05/2007 DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S.SIRI JAGAN, J.

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W.P.(C).No.15500 of 2007

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Dated this the 28th day of May, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The petitioner requires a passport to attend Indo-China Youth Exchange Programme as a member of the Indian delegation for which he has made an application. Since the delegation has to go abroad either in the 1st or 2nd week of June, 2007, he wants the passport urgently. He therefore, seeks a direction to the respondent to process his application urgently.

2. The learned Assistant Solicitor General, on instructions, submits that the application filed by the petitioner is an ordinary application for passport which cannot be processed without police verification. On the other hand, he submits that petitioner's application can be considered, if he submits an application under *Tatkal* scheme.

3. In the above circumstances, I direct the petitioner to do whatever necessary under law to convert his application into an application under *Tatkal* scheme, in which case, the respondent shall process the same and issue passport within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment, if the petitioner is eligible to get passport otherwise.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

Sd/-

sdk+ S.SIRI JAGAN, JUDGE

Issue copy today itself.

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P.A. to Judge.